

**Explanatory Note To
Arizona Department of Transportation's
Individual Statewide Storm Water Permit Application**

On March 1, 2005, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) submitted an application for an individual statewide Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) AZPDES stormwater permit to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ).

The permit will cover a diversity of activities and locations throughout the state for which there is no existing appropriate permit application format or template. ADOT's discharging activities resemble those of a municipality, an industry and a construction operator. Moreover, ADEQ determined that many of the traditional application components required per A.A.C. R18-9-B901 were either already provided by ADOT or were not essential for determining appropriate permit conditions for ADOT's current activities. Owing to ADOT's unique qualities as an MS4, ADEQ created a tailored and unique application to enable ADOT to focus resources on the most important descriptors of potential water discharge activities that may impact stormwater quality. By letter dated September 28, 2004, ADEQ directed ADOT to use the application format it had developed especially for ADOT.

On July 8, 2005, ADEQ declared the application to be "administratively complete". In doing so, ADEQ only acknowledges that it received ADOT's application on time and that all of the requested elements of the application were submitted.

A copy of the permit application, as submitted to ADEQ on March 1, 2005, may be reviewed on ADOT's website: http://www.azdot.gov/ADOT_and/Storm_Water/index.asp